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Firm tosses $10 million lease deal on the table

Proposal to lease CMH could wind up on ballot

By Wade Warren
Staff Writer

Scurry County citizens had a $10 million-plus carrot waved in front of them Monday afternoon and each citizen will apparently now have a chance to say if they want a bite of it.

Community Health Systems (CHS) representative Robert Hardison told a crowd of some 90 people that his firm wants to lease Cogdell Memorial Hospital for a 30-year period for an up-front payment of $5 million and other payments that would make the total funds available to the county at the signing of the lease $9,838,973.

This includes the purchase of selected current assets of the hospital, including $3,285,000 in accounts receivable and $670,423 in inventory.

The county would also retain some $562,670 in cash and retain some $1 million in assets which may be converted to cash. The firm would also assume some $592,000 in current liabilities of the hospital.

Hardison said his firm would also fund a minimum of $3 million in capital expenditures and improvements at the hospital over the next four years and would pay the county $250,000 annually beginning in the sixth year of the lease. The firm would also pay local taxes in an estimated amount of $200,000 and the county's subsidy of some $395,000 annually would be eliminated.

"This payment plan would assure the citizens of this county a quality, first-class hospital," said Hardison.

Hardison said the hospital would be governed by a seven to nine member board consisting of the hospital's chief of staff, administrator and local citizens.

He said the only representative of CHS on the board would be the administrator.

"The local board and staff would have to be happy with our administrator," said Hardison. "If the staff was not satisfied, then he would be replaced."

Hardison said the lease calls for the governing board to be responsible for granting medical staff privileges, budgeting, equipment and capital needs and facility planning.

"We will be responsible for indigent care," said Hardison. "We will never turn away anyone who needs care."

Hardison was also asked if CHS had plans to close the long- term care wing at Cogdell and he replied, "absolutely not."

Hardison said the goal of the hospital would be to slow down the outward migration of patients to hospitals in Lubbock or Abilene by improving and adding to present services.

County Judge Ricky Fritz polled each commissioner during the start of the called meeting as to whether anyone wanted to sell the hospital.

All replied "no," including Fritz.

Following the suggestion of Snyder businessman Bob Bell, Fritz later polled commissioners as to whether they were interested in leasing the hospital.

Snyder National Bank president Joe Jackson commented at this time that while the court had said it did not want to sell the hospital, "you will effectively have done that with a 30-year lease."

Commissioner Roy Idom said he was not interested in leasing the hospital for the figure quoted, noting that the firm had agreed to lease a smaller hospital in Granbury for more money.

Ralph Trevey said leasing may be an option, but there were a lot of things to be looked at and worked out.

Howard Limmer and Jerry Gannaway said there were still a lot of unanswered questions, but it was something that could be considered.

Fritz told the crowd he felt the court was obligated to look at all avenues, and to do what was best

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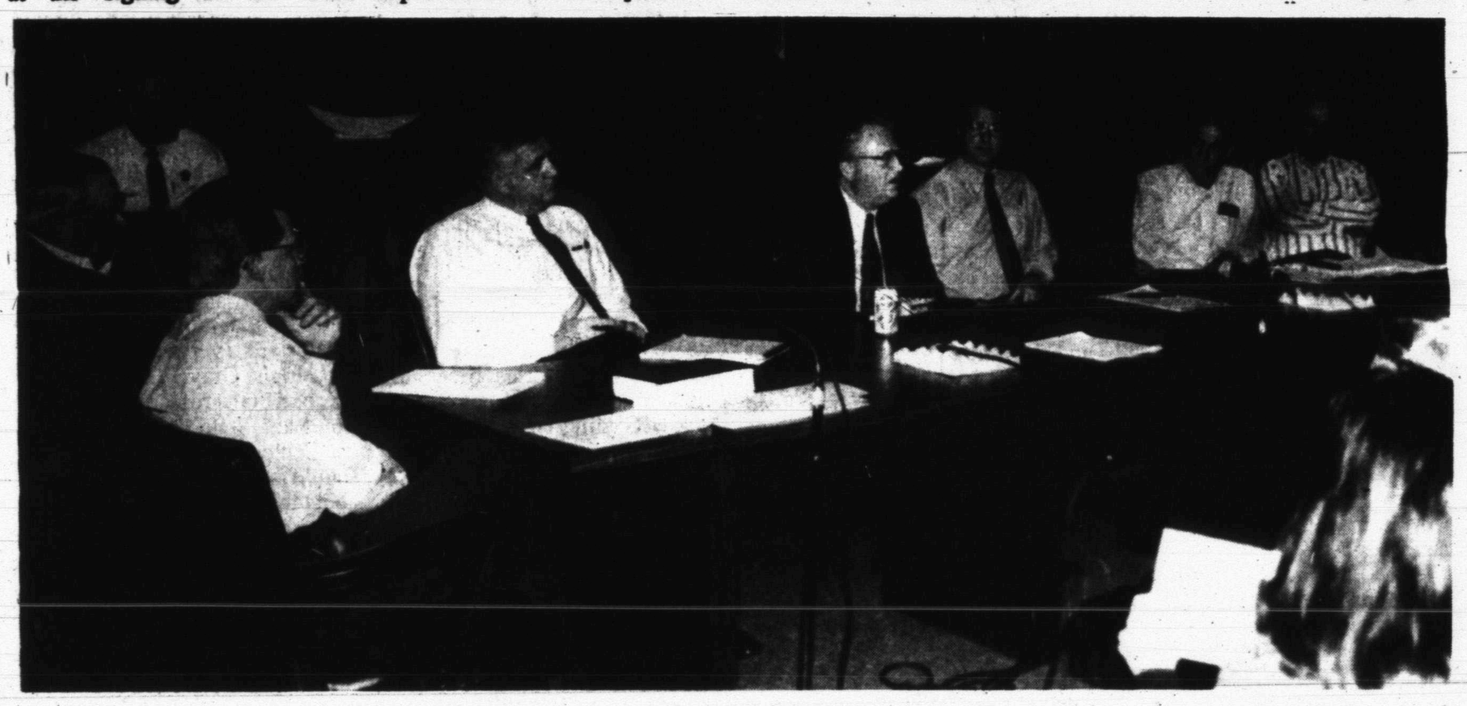

ANSWERING QUESTIONS - Robert Hardison, center in dark suit, answers questions during a called meeting of the commissioners court Monday. Hardison is vice president of a firm that proposes to lease Cogdell Memorial Hospital for 30 years. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Success means getting ahead of ourself, not other people."

The only thing more accurate is an arthritic elbow.

While a stiff joint my be 100 percent correct in predicting a change in the weather, the winner of the Super Bowl game has proven to be a 90 percent accurate indicator of the stock market.

Tying the future of the stock markets to the outcome of the Super Bowl may seem nonsensical to the sophisicated investor — but the odds say it's been right a lot more than it's been wrong.

Since the Green Bay Packers won Sunday's championship game, it's now the conventional wisdom of Wall Street that the Dow Jones Industrial Average will go on the rise for the next 12 months.

According to Wall Street watchers, if the winner is from the old National Football League, the stock market will see a steady gain. If the Super Bowl winner is from the old American Football League, the industrial average will fall. The New England Patriots are from the old American League.

People who have been watching the indicator since 1967 says it's been accurate 27 of 30 times.

There are skeptics. The last time an American team won was in 1984, when the Raiders beat the Redkins, 38-9. The Dow fell 3.7 percent that year.

And while on the subject of professional sports, we have only one thing to say about Chicago's "Bad Boy" Dennis Rodman:

Instead of being suspended, he should be evicted, permanently. The guy is a heck of a basketball player, but on a scale as a human being — he's a minus. There's too many young people being influenced by professional athletes to allow Rodman to keep on being a lousy example.

Snyder's Mildred Clark follows up on one of the "great questions of life." She wanted to know, "How many grass hoppers does it take to make a 'hooper.'"

She, of course, was referring to a typo of "Hooper" in a headline about grasshopper control.

The answer, we must admit with red face, is two — one much-too-hurried headline writer, and an asleep proof reader.

Thanks for your good-natured jab!

Channel 25...

Nick's TV Land to replace E!

E! Entertainment Television will be replaced with Nick at Nite's TV Land at the end of the month, according to TCA Cable TV general manager Archie Kountz.

TV Land is a family-oriented channel featuring long-time favorites such as The Addams Family, Cannon, The Ed Sullivan Show, Green Acres, Gunsmoke, Hill Street Blues, Mannix, The Sonny & Cher Comedy Hour, That Girl and others. The channel also features monthly programming blocks such as "Wonders of TV Land," "TV Cavalcade," and "TV Land Goes West" — all filled with shows from the history of television.

"We're pleased to be able to offer a channel that has something for everyone, and has true family appeal," said Kountz.

The channel will remain commercial free until October. However, it will show vintage commercials and television-tribute vignettes that set the stage for its classic programming.

Nick at Nite's TV Land will appear on cable channel 25, replacing E! Entertainment Television. TCA officials said E! Entertainment Television's contract is expiring and the two have been unable to come to an agreement, hence the change.

Questions about the new channel launch can be answered by TCA Cable TV representatives at 573-3536.

Man arrested for kidnapping

Snyder area law enforcement officers made two felony arrests Monday, including one for aggravated kidnapping.

Anthony Lawrence Byrd, 54, of Rochester, was arrested in the Town & Country Convenience Store parking lot at 2:14 p.m. Friday and charged with aggravated kidnapping/family violence. The alleged victim was a 44-year-old female from the Abilene area, according to deputy sheriff Brian Peterson.

Less than an hour before the arrest, an employee at Burger King called 911 to report that a female customer had passed her a note while paying for a meal. The note reportedly requested help.

Police and sheriff's deputies were alerted to look for a 1996 Chevrolet pickup with a white camper. The vehicle was located at Town & Country by city police officers and Byrd was placed under arrest.

The sheriff's department was still investigating the case at noon today.

At 7:06 p.m. Friday, a police officer arrested 33-year-old Rosalio Gutierrez Jr., 1406 20th, in the 1400 block of 20th Street for parole violation.

Pay those taxes now

Friday is the last day to pay property taxes unless you want to be slapped with a seven-percent penalty.

As of Monday, one fourth of the taxpayers residing within the Snyder Independent School District had not paid their bills.

The combined tax rate — city, county, college and Snyder ISD, is $2.73 per $100. That means a family with a $50,000 home will pay about $1,400 if they haven't filed for a homestead exemption.

The county tax assessor's office will accept payments with a Friday postmark as meeting the deadline, but bills paid with a postmark after the 31st will incur a penalty.

The tax assessor's office is located on the bottom floor of the courthouse. Hours are from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Grant strategy session tonight

Mapping out strategy to implement two grants is the purpose of a meeting tonight by City of Snyder staff and others.

The work session will be held at 7 o'clock in the Development Corporation of Snyder board room. Some members of the city council and DCOS board are also expected to attend.

The purpose of the session is to develop a chain of command, task charts, time lines and cash flows with regard to implementation of Economic Development Administration and Texas Capital Fund grants.

The EDA grant is for $1.5 million; the TCF grant is for approximately $500,000.

The funds will be used to construct water and sewer lines, water storage and a pump station to service the city's industrial park, SnTx Park I.

In addition to the physical construction, acquisition of right of way and engineering specifications figure into the planning.

Bush set for tax war

Cut property taxes, hike business & sales

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush today asked lawmakers to cut local school property taxes by nearly $3 billion and make up the difference with a new business tax and a higher sales tax.

"Property taxes are too high. They are among the highest in the nation," Bush said in his State of the State address to the Legislature.

The Republican governor said he is convinced that high property taxes are hurting the economy and average Texans alike. He said lawmakers can't afford to do nothing.

"Failure to act will hurt our elderly, failure to act will squeeze our middle class, failure to act will cause rents to go up and failure to act will place Texas at a competitive disadvantage to attract and keep jobs," Bush said.

The governor's tax relief plan includes:

— Increasing the homestead exemption for school property taxes from $5,000 to $25,000.

— A 20-cent cut in the school property tax rate in every school district.

— A half-cent increase in the state's 6¼ percent sales and motor vehicle sales tax levies.

— A 1¼ percent tax on business sales over $500,000, minus the cost of goods and capital invested. The new levy would replace the current corporate franchise tax and the school property tax on business inventory.

— A $1 billion tax cut funded by the current state budget surplus.

Bush said his plan would reduce local school property taxes by 40 percent for the average homeowner in Texas, a home valued at $61,500. For owners of a $100,000 home, he said, the cut would average 30 percent.

ASK US

Q—Is the Snyder ISD planning a banquet this year to honor participants in its Adopt-A-School program?

A—Yes. It is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 13.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 60 degrees; low, 20; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 20; no precipitation; total for 1997, .42 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low 15-20. Light wind. Wednesday, partly cloudy, warmer. High around 55. Light SW wind.

Ashley Bailey
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 6:15 a.m.
Sunrise: 7:38 a.m.
Of 27 days in 1997, the sun has shone 24 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Happiness is not a destination. It is a method of life.

- Burton Hills

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Police change policy about naming suspects

DALLAS (AP) — Stung by criticism in their handling of a high-profile case involving two Dallas Cowboys, the Dallas police department says from now on it will wait until suspects are arrested or charged before identifying them.

The decision is "an interim action, pending a formal review of our policy," police spokesman Ed Spencer said Monday.

Members of the news media learned of the new policy when they inquired into reports that two professional athletes were involved in unrelated assault cases over the weekend in Prime Time 21, a club owned by Cowboys defensive back Deion Sanders.

No charges have been filed in either incident. In one case, the wife of a Cowboys player complained that a player punched her in the face and threw her to the floor about 1:45 a.m. Saturday. In the other, a 20-year-old woman said a Mavericks player pushed and slapped her about 2:15 a.m. Sunday.

"We're concerned about two things," Spencer said. "One concern relates to releasing suspects' names before police have a chance to investigate the validity of the allegations.

"And the other has to do with the potential adverse impact the release of a suspect's name might have on the investigation itself."

Police were criticized after confirming at a Dec. 31 news conference that Cowboys wide receiver Michael Irvin and offensive lineman Erik Williams were being investigated in connection with a woman's complaint that Irvin held a gun on her and videotaped Williams and another man sexually assaulting her.

The players were exonerated about 10 days later.

Critics of the police and media said in the meantime the controversy disrupted the team's preparation for an NFL playoff game with Carolina. Some members of the media across the nation called for the immediate suspension of the two players.

Police Chief Ben Click defended the release of the names, noting that a local television reporter already knew the names and had broadcast one of the names before the news conference.

Click said the department had for years released the names of suspects if they appear on offense reports as in the rape allegation.

"The only talking we've done is in response to media inquiries," he said two days after police identified Irvin and Williams as suspects. "Had we not done that, then the question becomes, 'Was the Dallas Police Department covering up?'"

Nina Shahravan, 23, who initiated the complaint against the players, has since been charged with perjury and accused of fabricating the complaint.

Her defense attorney, G. David Smith, has challenged a statement police said Miss Shahravan signed, recanting of her allegations.

Smith said because police questioned her without an attorney being present, they can't use against her a statement in which she acknowledged that her sexual activities with Williams were consensual and that Irvin was not present.

State Sen. Royce West, who represented Irvin, could not be reached for comment Monday, according to The Dallas Morning News. Earlier this month he said he wanted the department to stop identifying suspects in rape cases unless charges have been filed.

Peter Ginsberg, a Washington, D.C., attorney representing Williams, said the department should not have identified his client as a rape suspect.

Dallas attorney Paul Watler, president of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, said the decision to withhold suspect names is legally sound.

Music industry celebrates year's favorite entertainers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It was "The Year of Woman" at the American Music Awards and Toni Braxton reaped the rewards.

Braxton won favorite female soul R&B artist and her "Secrets" was the top soul-R&B album. She also shared in a portion of an award that went to the "Waiting to Exhale" soundtrack, to which she was a contributor.

"I thank God for all my blessings," Braxton told the music industry crowd.

Alanis Morissette also was a multiple winner, though she didn't show up. Morissette was named favorite pop-rock female artist and her "Jagged Little Pill" won the pop-rock album trophy.

Two out of three favorite new artist awards went to women as well: Jewel for pop-rock and LeAnn Rimes for country.

In receiving her award, Jewel thanked her fans for helping her achieve her dream.

"I know how little we can live with. I went from living in my car to this because you guys bought my album. It's because you guys bought my album that I'm not stealing food," she told the cheering audience.

She explained her comments later backstage.

Jewel, who started her music career yodeling as a 6-year-old in Homer, Alaska, said she and her mother were living in San Diego when she got laid off from a job at age 18. The two of them moved into their cars, and Jewel began singing at coffeehouses.

The woman-of-the-year magic didn't work for everyone. Mariah Carey — last year's favorite female artist in both pop-rock and soul-R&B — lost on all of her leading five nominations this time.

In all, 20 trophies were awarded in the 24th annual ceremony, broadcast by ABC from the Shrine Auditorium. Comedian Sinbad was the host.

Tupac Shakur, gunned down in Las Vegas four months ago, was posthumously named favorite rap-hip hop artist. Presenter Brandy accepted Shakur's trophy.

Garth Brooks was once again favorite male country artist, his 11th AMA honor since 1991. Shania Twain was country's favorite female artist.

Brooks & Dunn roped the trophy for band, duo or group, and George Strait's "Blue Clear Sky" received the category's album award.

Pop-rock winners included Eric Clapton as favorite male artist, and Hootie & The Blowfish as favorite band, duo or group.

Soul-R&B honors also went to Keith Sweat for male artist, and New Edition for band, duo or group. D'Angelo was the top new artist in soul-R&B.

Favorite artist winners in other categories included Metallica in hard rock-heavy metal, Smashing Pumpkins in alternative music, and Whitney Houston in adult contemporary.

Winners of the American Music Awards were selected by a national sampling of about 20,000 listeners, who chose from nominees compiled by music industry publications.

Study suggests that risk from fatty foods begins at early age

WASHINGTON (AP) — The cheeseburgers, french fries and milkshakes children eat can build up fat in their arteries that could cause heart attacks later in life, researchers say.

A new study found that teenagers and young adults who ate fat-rich diets or smoked showed higher risk factors for heart attacks than those who ate less fatty foods and didn't smoke.

Deposits of fat and raised lesions, believed to cause heart disease, were found in the aortas and coronary arteries of young people with high levels of cholesterol, according to autopsies on 1,079 men and 364 women between the ages of 15 and 34.

Fewer deposits and lesions were found in subjects who had lower levels of cholesterol.

The autopsies were performed on young people who died violent or accidental deaths. The data provide the most comprehensive evidence that diet and smoking at an early age can begin the process that leads to heart disease, the researchers said.

Even among subjects as young as 15, there were significant differences between the arteries of those who ate fatty diets and smoked and those who didn't.

"It starts a very early age," said pathologist Gray T. Malcom, who was part of the research team at the Louisiana State University Medical Center in New Orleans. "We should be much more concerned about modifying these risk factors at an early age if we indeed hope to prolong or hopefully prevent so much coronary heart disease," she said Monday in a telephone interview.

The results were published in the January issue of the journal Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology, a publication of the American Heart Association.

The amount of fatty deposits increased with age, but cut across races, ethnic groups and sex, the study said.

Similar results were found in autopsies performed on the bodies of young American soldiers killed during the Korean and Vietnam wars. But the latest study, performed at the Louisiana State University Medical Center in New Orleans, is the largest sample of data on young women.

Researchers said their study disproves the notion that women, who generally have heart attacks a decade later then men, do not have to modify their eating habits until later in life.

Still, there were differences in buildup of lesions between men and women. There were equal numbers of raised lesions in the abdominal aortas of men and women. But men had a greater number of raised lesions in the coronary artery.

While researchers cannot explain this disparity, "the risk factors still have an effect in young women and young men," Malcom said.

All children over the age of 2 are urged to keep fat consumption under 30 percent of daily calories, 10 percent of saturated fat, according to recommendations by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute panel on cholesterol education.

Autopsy data was collected from 15 centers around the country.

CBS brings back "EZ Streets,"

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS will premiere a new comedy about a temporary employment agency and return the short-lived drama, "EZ Streets" to the air in March, the network said Monday.

"Temporarily Yours," a comedy starring Debi Mazar as a temp searching for the perfect job, will premiere Wednesday, March 5 at 8:30 p.m. It will be followed immediately by "Feds," a new hour-long drama about a federal prosecutor's office in Manhattan.

"EZ Streets" received critical acclaim but low ratings and was pulled after only two showings. It will return for a special episode on Monday, March 3, then returns to the 10 p.m. Wednesday time slot.

The network also will move the Larry Hagman drama, "Orleans," to Fridays and shift the comedy "Everybody Loves Raymond" from Fridays to Monday nights at 8:30 p.m.

CBS will also shuffle its Monday night schedule on March 3, sending "Murphy Brown" on a vacation and moving "Cybill" to 9 p.m. and "Ink" to 9:30 p.m. Two other shows, "Pearl" and "Dave's World," will be leaving the air but will return later in the spring, CBS said.

The newsmagazine "Coast to Coast" will leave the air after Jan. 29 but will return for an extended run in the summer, the network said.

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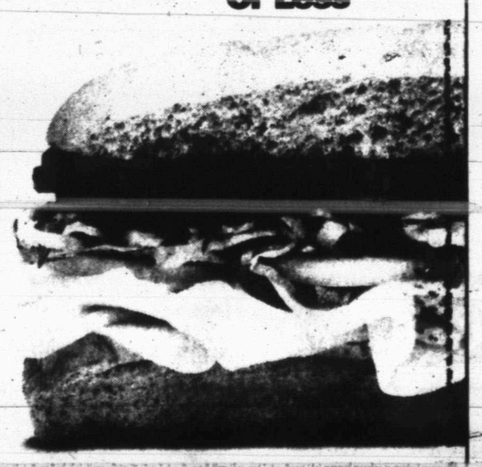

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PROGRAM SPEAKER — John DeLille, executive director of DCOS, and board president Roy Baze, from left, presented the program for members of the Altrurian Daughters. (Contributed Photo)

DCOS is subject for A. Daughters Study Club, given by Roy Baze

Roy Baze, Development Corporation of Snyder president, was guest speaker at the recent Altrurian Daughters Study Club held at the Martha Ann Womans Club.

Giving a brief history of the DCOS, he began by stating that it was created by voters of Snyder in 1992. A non-profit organization, the DCOS is funded by three-eights of a cent sales tax.

"The purpose of the organization is to create permanent jobs," said Baze. "The DCOS is located in donated office space by the American State Bank at 3610 College."

Baze introduced John DeLille, the DCOS executive director, to the group. The secretary is Bonnie Nussey. Both were hired in January. Selected by the city council, five men make up the DCOS board. They serve three-year terms and there is no limit to the number of terms a director may serve.

"The DCOS has worked very hard to bring industry to Snyder, and they are presently working to complete plans with Lorber Industries. Lorber is the largest textile mill west of the Mississippi." he said.

Construction will begin this year on a spinning and weaving plant in the SnTx Industrial Park.

Hostesses were Claudine Atwood and Geleska Baze. The next Altrurian Daughters meeting will be Feb. 19 with Joe Williamson presenting a music program.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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	South ♠ 6 5 2 ♥ K J 4 ♦ K J 8 4 ♣ A J 9	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 7

It made me see red

It is rare that bridge articles annoy me. But the one that related this deal touched a sore spot. The writer mentioned that his partner was "playing the hands well." True, he gave the defenders the maximum chance to go wrong, but why did West — or East — not find the right answer?

Here's how the deal panned out. It is relevant only because it comes from a pair event, in which every trick is vital. Yet the principle is important. South opened with a weak no-trump, showing 12-14 points. North, the scribe, jumped to game.

West led the heart seven: two, queen, king. First, declarer ran his six club tricks, discarding the heart *jack* and two spades from hand. Then, he took his four diamond tricks, bringing everyone down to two cards. What do you think West and East kept? Right — both clung to a pair of spades, permitting South to cash the heart four at trick 12. Aagh!

South had shown up with 13 points: four in hearts, four in diamonds and five in clubs. So, West should have known that South didn't have a spade honor. Just in case South was being clever, West should have retained the spade king (or jack or 10!) and the heart ace.

East was equally guilty. Using the Rule of Eleven, East knew that South had started with two hearts higher than the seven. And he had seen them both: the king and jack. If East had kept the spade ace and heart nine, he could have claimed the last two tricks.

How does one stop players from making errors like this? If I knew, I suppose I could turn everyone into an expert. But would that kill the game completely?

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call 1-800-359-3131.

American Cancer Society; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 5 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Dialogue, cancer support group; board room of Cogdell Memoral Hospital; 7 to 8 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Parents of Lost Children Sometimes Need Direction

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I work at the customer service desk at a popular shopping mall, where I see some very disturbing things. For example, lost children are brought to us until their parents miss them and seek help. It's not uncommon for parents to leave small children watching a display, telling them, "Stay right here — I'm going to do a little shopping." Children have little conception of time, and will sometimes panic, thinking they have been abandoned.

When they finally locate their lost children, the parents get angry at the kids — often spanking them and verbally berating them for getting lost. Don't they realize that it's the adults' responsibility to keep their eyes on their child — and not the other way around?

Something else we see all too often is a parent telling the child, "If you don't behave, that policeman — or security guard — will get you." This makes children afraid to approach a policeman if they need help. I have seen children ask complete strangers to help them find their mommy rather than Security because they are afraid of policemen.

I don't have any children, but I feel lucky to be able to dry the eyes of lost children and help them find their parents. What if they asked for help from the wrong person? Like it or not, there are a lot of evil people out there just looking for the opportunity to abduct a lost child.

Abby, this may be too long to print, but I know you can shorten it and say it better. Perhaps seeing this in print will open some eyes.

JAN BRANDENBURG,
CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

DEAR JAN BRANDENBURG: Your letter required no editing. It is perfect just the way you wrote it. Thank you for a valuable letter and a plainspoken wake-up call to many parents who need to see it.

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DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law phones me daily. The calls are answered in case of emergency, but if I don't make an excuse to cut the conversation short, she can interrupt my day to the tune of 40 minutes or more.

Several years ago I asked her not to call so often. Much as I love family, I have friends, kids, hobbies, cooking — in short, a life. I call my own mother weekly, not daily.

Even her own kids say she can never get enough. If you call her, it's not often enough; same for a visit, except you didn't stay long enough or eat enough food. She's retired now, so it's gotten worse.

How can I get her to leave me alone and get a life? I am ...

STILL MAKING EXCUSES
IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR STILL MAKING EXCUSES: Get an answering machine and screen your telephone calls. Your mother-in-law can leave a message. And you can return her call at your convenience.

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DEAR ABBY: I am an elderly widow who lives alone. I'm writing to share a special kindness one of my daughters does for me.

Sue visits me for a weekend about once a month. When she comes, she brings a collection of one-portion frozen treats that reflects her cooking during the month. There are portions of her big batches of soup, spaghetti sauce with meatballs, stews, etc. I no longer cook things like that just for myself, so they are welcome indeed. She says that when she's cooking, it makes her happy to put aside a serving for me.

Every time I take one of her entrees from my freezer, I'm reminded of her love and thoughtfulness, and what a lucky mother I am. Don't you agree?

PATRICIA MURPHY,
WILMINGTON, DEL.

DEAR MRS. MURPHY: Absolutely! Count your blessings. You have the luck of the Irish.

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Lead content to be noted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Contending that the amount of lead in many antacids and calcium supplements reaches dangerous levels, a consumer group petitioned the Food and Drug Administration on Monday to develop guidelines for lead content.

Several health advocates decried the petition filed by the Natural Resources Defense Council, saying it was based on shaky science and threatened to discourage women who can benefit from calcium supplements.

"We in no way want to turn people away from calcium supplements," said Dr. Gina Solomon, the group's senior scientist. "Just pick them carefully; you can't get the calcium without the lead."

The council's petition coincided with its announcement that the Leiner Health Products Group, the nation's largest manufacturer of calcium supplements, had agreed to comply with a California law that sets strict lead limits.

Leiner said its products would contain less than five-tenths of a gram of lead per recommended daily dosage.

The Natural Resources Defense Council said its own studies indicated some supplements could more than triple an individual's daily lead intake.

But the National Osteoporosis Foundation took issue with what it called the council's "scare tactics of using a scientifically inappropriate measure" by calculating the lead in products, not their effects in the body.

"Studies that correlate blood lead levels to the amount of lead in tablets must be conducted before conclusions about toxicity can be made," the foundation said. "It is crucial that consumers understand that calcium supplements which meet federal standards are safe."

The Council for Responsible Nutrition, an industry group, said getting enough calcium is essential to fighting osteoporosis, a disease that affects 28 million Americans.

"There is no cause for concern about the safety of calcium supplements and products," said the nutrition council's Dr. Annette Dickinson.

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ACROSS

1 Contented sounds
4 At the drop of — —
8 Melville captain
12 Used a chair
13 Take-out order words
14 First-rate (2 wds.)
15 A pig — — poke
16 Colloquial
18 Ohio city
20 — Miss
21 Game animal
22 Yuck!
24 Hit-sign abbr.
26 Ingredients in chicken soup
30 Adversary
34 Same (comb. form)
35 Adam's grandson
37 I cannot tell — —
38 Sharp blows
40 Coaster
42 Chop
43 Actor Welles
45 Roots
47 Lump
49 Youth org.
50 Ending for real or social
53 Negative word
55 High-strung
59 Footwear thong
62 Wedding words
63 Nautical cry
64 Puppeteer Baird
65 Gratuity
66 Mechanical repetition
67 Sacred song
68 Pigs' digs

DOWN

1 Largest continent
2 Yarn unit
3 Leading actor
4 Feeling prickly
5 Brick carrier
6 Exchange
7 Implements
8 Drivers' org.
9 Table d'—
10 Blue dye
11 At one's — and call
17 Simple discount
19 Stringed instrument
23 Poultry
25 — — Clear Day
26 Actor Robert De —
27 Gravel ridges
28 Fumbler's word
29 Song for one
31 Of grades K-12
32 Appearance
33 Evergreens
36 Slav
39 Male offspring
41 Washing utensil
44 Convent dwellers
46 Joyful
48 Bungle
50 Construction beam (2 wds.)
51 Arty NYC district
52 Beep
54 Helen of —
56 Holes
57 Work on text
58 Muscular
60 Nautical chain
61 Limb

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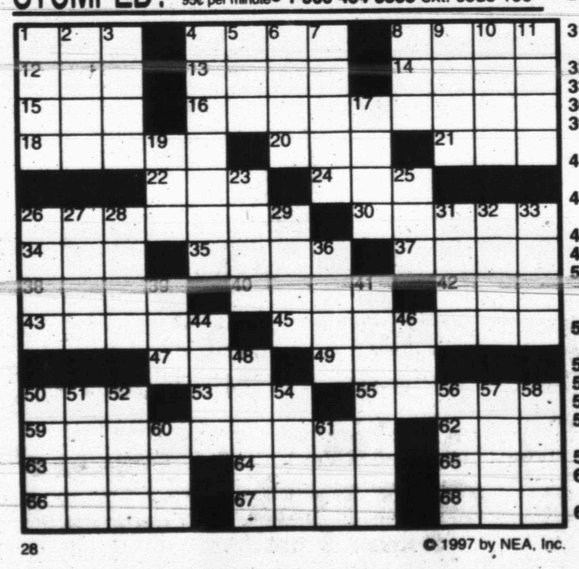

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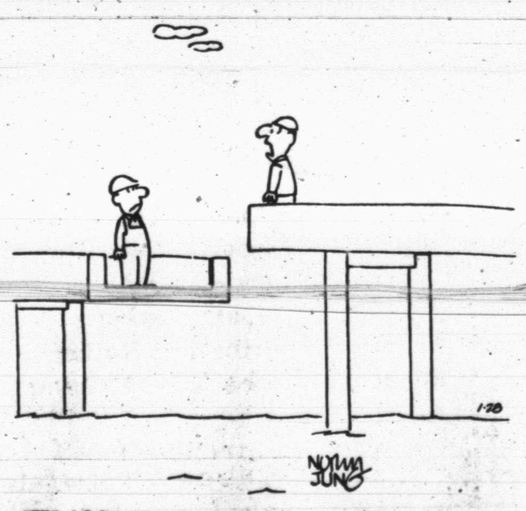

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SPORTS

Snyder cagers ready for rematch with Matadors

The SHS varsity cagers are set for a District 2-4A rematch with the Estacado Matadors tonight in the SHS gym.

The girls will be looking to make it two-in-a-row against the Lady Mats. The Lady Tigers took an 83-63 victory over Estacado earlier this season. The 83 points scored by Snyder is its highest offensive output of the season. Snyder is 3-5 in loop play and 16-12 for the season. Estacado is still looking for its first loop win. The Lady Mats are 0-8 in district play, and 2-23 for the season.

The Tigers are seeking revenge for the 65-53 loss handed to them by the Matadors earlier. Estacado is sitting atop the district rankings with a 5-1 loop tally, and a 13-13 season mark. The Tigers are tied for second with Plainview with a 4-2 record, and an 18-10 season mark.

Snyder holds some of the area's top scorers and rebounders. Rick Henderson is the leading scorer in the area with an average of 16.7 points a game. Jimmy Taylor is seventh with an average of 12 points. Taylor is also leading the area in rebounds, grabbing an average of 9.6 boards a game. Henderson is seventh with 5.4 per game. Matthew Fambro is ninth, averaging 5.3 boards a game.

The girls will tip-off at 6:30 p.m., and the boys will get underway at 8.

Bow to Howard...

Lady Westerners' shots won't fall

By Jamie Sharp
Sports Editor

The WTC Lady Westerners gave Howard College a battle for a half here Monday night, but cool shooting in-the second handed Howard College a 46-32 conference win.

Trailing only 22-19 at intermission, the Lady Westerners went ice cold, hitting only 18 per cent of their second half field goal attempts, including a mere one of 26 from the three-point range and nine of 16 free throws.

Despite the low-octane offense, the Lady Hawks didn't put the game away until Howard scored six unanswered points with about six minutes left, putting the visitors up 32-24.

WTC was forced into fouling in the final minutes. Unfortunately, Howard had a good night at the free-throw line, hitting 64 percent.

WTC Coach Anthony Portley was not critical of his team's shooting. "Only about five of the three point shots were bad shots."

Portley also praised the defensive effort. "If we keep playing with the same intensity, the offense will eventually come around.

"We played really good defense in the first half, considering they're a top 15 team." Portley said. "They average more than 80 points a game, and we were able to hold them to only 46. That shows what a great effort we put out."

By pressing, WTC hung with Howard through the first half. Shanna Gathright scored WTC's first two, but the Lady Hawks came right back to tie the game. This was the first of four ties in the half.

The contest stayed even throughout the first half before Howard's Swawanta Johnson, who finished the night with 17, broke a 16-16 tie with only 2:45 left.

In the second half, WTC shots refused to fall. WTC could not match the Howard run late in the half, and the Lady Westerners fell behind for good.

Gathright led the Lady Westerners with 12. She was followed by Celestine Otuoro who bagged 7. Freda McKnight and Shawna McKee each added 4, and Caitlin Behrens nailed 3. Angelica Brooks and Kelley Wilson rounded out the night with 1 apiece.

WTC stands at 2-7 in conference play, and 5-14 for the season. The Lady Westerners will look to end their three-game losing streak on Thursday when they travel to Borger to take on 1-7, 2-17 Frank Phillips College.

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Georgetown 78, Villanova 67
Lafayette 83, Penn 79
Princeton 90, Hamilton 48
Providence 80, Canisius 53
SOUTH
Appalachian St. 77, E. Tennessee St. 69, OT
Austin Peay 99, Morehead St. 82
Coppin St. 63, Bethune-Cookman 62
Davidson 63, Citadel 58
Howard U. 87, Hampton U. 83
Liberty 78, Coastal Carolina 63
Louisiana Tech 53, Texas-Pan American 47
Md.-E. Shore 63, N. Carolina A&T 59
Miss. Valley St. 116, Ark.-Pine Bluff 68
Morgan St. 67, Florida A&M 64
Murray St. 85, Tennessee Tech 78
NE Louisiana 70, NW Louisiana 65
Richmond 75, James Madison 65
S. Carolina St. 73, Delaware St. 65
Tenn.-Martin 61, Middle Tenn. 59
Tennessee St. 82, E. Kentucky 71
Tn.-Chattanooga 76, Georgia Southern 55
Tulane 64, Southern Miss. 50
VMI 97, Marshall 92
Va. Commonwealth 75, South Florida 70
W. Carolina 85, Furman 76
MIDWEST
Ball St. 74, Miami, Ohio 64
Bradley 74, Wichita St. 57
Creighton 72, S. Illinois 65
Dayton 91, Southern U. 56
Evansville 57, N. Iowa 54
Illinois St. 95, SW Missouri St. 84
NE Illinois 81, Buffalo 77
St. Ambrose at W. Illinois, ppd.
Valparaiso 110, Northland 77
Wis.-Green Bay 62, Wis.-Milwaukee 49
Youngstown St. 92, Chicago St. 82
SOUTHWEST
New Orleans 78, Arkansas St. 72
Oklahoma St. 73, Oklahoma 72, OT
W. Kentucky 71, Ark.-Little Rock 62
FAR WEST
Cal Poly-SLO 73, Cal St.-Hayward 66
Utah 84, Tulsa 58

With 5 teams ranked...

Big 12 at halfway point

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — It's the "what ifs" that are on the minds of Big 12 coaches at crunch time.

What if we had won this game in December? What if we were a little better at this, or a little better at that? What if we could win on the road?

"I think when you look at the games we've lost ... back in December we lost to Arizona State, we lost to Arkansas State," said Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson on Monday during the weekly conference call with Big 12 coaches. "With the exception of those, I think we've played them all pretty strong. We need to put a victory string together if we are going to have hopes of getting in the NCAA tournament."

Everybody is beginning to look ahead to March, and the heart of the inaugural Big 12 season is going to make or break some teams.

Top-ranked Kansas, No. 18 Colorado and No. 11 Iowa State, No. 22 Texas Tech and No. 23 Texas seem certain for the NCAA tournament.

But teams like Oklahoma certainly still have something to prove. And a team like Missouri may be in trouble.

Oklahoma was beat 73-72 in overtime at Oklahoma State on Monday night.

The Cowboys went into the game 10-7, 2-4 in the Big 12.

"On the road, we haven't been able to win," coach Eddie Sutton said. "At Colorado and Texas Tech, we had a chance to win but we just haven't been able to get over the hump. And sometimes I think it takes a win like that to get you started."

Missouri had a second-half rally in Austin against Texas on Sunday before falling short and suffering their ninth loss.

"I thought we made a great comeback in the second half and if we had been able to execute a couple of times down the stretch we could have won the game," Tigers coach Norm Stewart said. "But those are 'what ifs.'

"We just can't quite do the things that we need to do when we need to do them. That's been our story all year."

The Big 12 has turned out to be as rugged as anyone could have imagined, and winning on the road has been a chore.

Baylor has struggled all year long, but coach Harry Miller said his youthful team has not given up.

"We've played pretty well at home. We played well against Colorado, against Kansas," Miller said. "We are just not at the point where we're competitive on the road. We just get blitzed out there.

"Our players really work hard. Our players' attitude is just great. If you have young players who can't see some hope, I think you can have players bail out on you, but not our guys."

Colorado has been the surprise of the league, and very nearly gave Kansas its first loss Sunday despite taking a 13-0 punch right at the start of the game. The Buffs' have one of the league's best players in Chauncey Billups, but coach Ricardo Patton is getting a lot of credit for having the rest of his players perform at a level that no one expected.

Coach Ricardo Patton said the Buffs started getting new respect after beating Texas Tech on ESPN Jan. 11.

"After our Texas Tech win, teams saw that, people began thinking that we were capable," Patton said.

Jr. High gals win 3 games

Snyder junior high girls' basketball teams won three of four games here against Andrews Monday night, and two of the teams kept their win records unblemished.

The 8th grade A-team upped its season record to 9-0 with a 31-20 victory over the Fillies. Snyder led all the way and enjoyed a 16-6 advantage at intermission.

The Lady Cats had balanced scoring, led by Rina Geiger's 7 points. T'Leah Eicke sank 6 while Ashley Delce, Kristin Murray, Whitney Webb and Callie Bane each put in 4. Valerie Haines and Cameron Mackey each added 2.

The 8th grade B-team bowed to Andrews, 33-22. Snyder had trailed 18-8 at halftime, but kept the game even from that point.

Top scorer for Snyder was Leslie Hancock with 8 points. Amanda Clark and Amber Bass each put in 4 while Jennifer Newman and Angie Shoemake each contributed 3.

Snyder's 7th grade A-team, now 6-2, bombed Andrews, 44-28, despite being deadlocked 16-16 at intermission.

Katie Voss paced Snyder's scoring with 14 points. Meagan Hatley and Kallie Billingsley each nailed 7 while Taylor Daniell pitched in 6. Andra Lancaster hit for 5 and Vanessa Freeman put in 4 while Kasey Collier added 1.

Snyder's 7th grade B-team also remained undefeated at 8-0 with a 35-29 triumph over Andrews. Snyder came from behind after trailing 22-21 going into the final period.

Chasity Perales led the Snyder offense with 15 points. Martiza Aguirre and Amber Alexander each sank 6 points while Lori Chesser and Amy Haddox each canned 4.

The 7th and 8th grade A-teams enter the Andrews tournament starting Thursday.

NBA at glance

By The Associated Press
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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Miami	31	12	.721	—
NewYork	30	13	.698	1
Washington	21	21	.500	9½
Orlando	19	19	.500	9½
NewJersey	11	29	.275	18½
Boston	9	30	.231	20
Philadelphia	9	33	.214	21½
Central Division				
Chicago	37	5	.881	—
Detroit	30	11	.732	6½
Atlanta	28	12	.700	8
Charlotte	24	18	.571	13
Cleveland	23	18	.561	13½
Milwaukee	21	21	.500	16
Indiana	19	21	.475	17
Toronto	14	27	.341	22½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Houston	32	11	.744	—
Utah	29	13	.690	2½
Minnesota	19	23	.452	12½
Dallas	14	26	.350	16½
Denver	13	30	.302	19
SanAntonio	11	29	.275	19½
Vancouver	8	37	.178	25
Pacific Division				
L.A.Lakers	31	12	.721	—
Seattle	30	13	.698	1
Portland	25	18	.581	6
Sacramento	18	25	.419	13
GoldenState	17	25	.405	13½
L.A.Clippers	16	24	.400	13½
Phoenix	15	28	.349	16

Sunday's Games
New York 95, Miami 89
Milwaukee 94, San Antonio 76
L.A. Lakers 104, Seattle 103
Monday's Games
Miami 125, Phoenix 97
Golden State 122, Vancouver 97
Tuesday's Games
Portland at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Boston at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Orlando at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Indiana, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Atlanta at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Toronto at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
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Boston at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Indiana at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

LOCAL SPORTS BRIEFS

Little Dribblers sign-up

Snyder Girls' Little Dribbers will sign-up players from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Feb. 7 and from 9 a.m. until noon Feb. 8 in the West Elementary cafeteria.

Late sign-ups will be accepted from 5:30 to 7-30 p.m. Feb. 14 and from 9 a.m. until noon on Feb. 15. Players must be accompained by an adult and bring a copy of the player's birth certificate. Registration fee is $25.

The league is open to girls ages 8-1, with 8-year-olds in their own division. For more information, call 573-9437 or 573-3951.

Freethrow challenge

C.R. Perez, manager of Lawrence IGA, has challenged Subway owner Tony Scott to a freethrow shooting contest during the halftime of the Snyder Tiger game with Estacado tonight. The loser will donate $100 to the SHS basketball program and the winner will donate $50.

Donkey basketball

Donkey basketball is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the high school gym.

The KneeKnockers (KSNY Radio) will challenge the Tail Twisters (junior high teachers and coaches) in the first game.

The second game will feature The Know-It-Alls (SHS seniors) and The Hoofers (SHS Coaches).

The first 150 elementary school students will receive a free donkey ride during intermission. Admission is $5 in advance for adults and high school students and $6 at the door. Junior high, elementary and senior citizens advance tickets are $4 and are $5 at the door.

Taekwondo Championship

The West Texas Taekwondo Academy will host the 11th annual West Texas Taekwondo Championship Saturday in the Scurry County Coliseum.

An expected 400-500 competitors from as far away as Mexico City and California are expected. There will be a sparring demonstration by two time U.S. National Sparring Champion, Javier Sanchez, on Friday night. Assisting Sanchez is Jin Chung Oh, a collegiate champ, and a member of the Korean national team. Admission is $5 for adults, and $3 for children 6-12. Children 5 and under will be admitted free.

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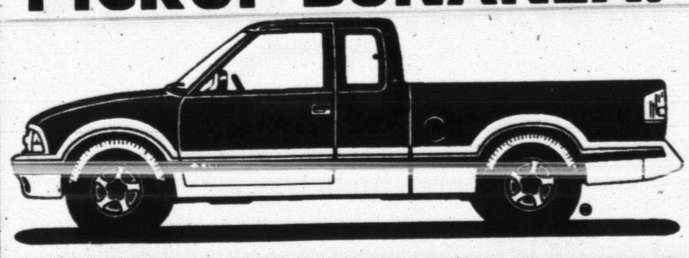
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for the public.

"I think we should put all the facts on the table and then put the lease question to a vote by the general public," said Fritz.

"There's 18,000 people who have a vested interest in this."

"If we don't look at all the options, then I think we are negligent and short-sighted," said Frtiz.

Fritz proposed setting up an ad hoc committee to study the feasibilty of leasing the hospital and suggested the committee be made up of two members of the commissioners court, two present Cogdell Hospital board members, a member of the hospital auxiliary and a non-management employee of the hospital.

The court is to meet Monday and agenda items are expected to include the appointment of two members of the court to this committee and whether to proceed with a letter of intent between the county and CHS.

The letter of intent is not a contract, but will allow CHS to further investigate the hospital's financial records and to have an architectural firm look at the hospital in the light of improvements the company might want to make.

Cogdell Hospital has operated under a management contract with St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock for nine years. That contract expired at the first of the year but is being renewed on a month-to-month basis.

Cogdell's board of managers meets Thursday morning with consideration of a contract with St. Mary expected to be on the agenda. In the past, contracts between Cogdell and St. Mary have contained a 180-day escape clause.

Fritz said he would have no objection with the hospital board signing a new lease contract with St. Mary.

He also said that if a lease is okayed by voters, then he believes St. Mary should be given an opportunity to submit a bid.

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AmerOnline	36¼	35	36¼	+2
AmStores	42¼	42⅛	42⅛	— ⅛
Ameritech	58⅛	58⅛	58⅛	+ ⅛
Amoco	86⅝	86⅛	86⅛	+ ⅛
AndarkPtr	65	64⅛	64⅝	+ ⅜
Armcolnc	4⅝	4¼	4⅛	— ⅛
AtlRichfld	133⅝	132	132⅛	—1⅛
ATMOS Egy		23	23	23
Aviall	11⅛	11	11⅛	+ ⅛
BakerHughes	38⅝	37⅝	37½	+1⅛
BellAtl	66¼	65½	65⅞	+ ⅜
BellSouth	43⅛	42⅞	43⅛	+ ⅜
BethSteel	8¼	8⅛	8⅛	— ⅛
BritPet	141⅛	140⅝	140⅝	+ ⅜
BurlNoSFe	88⅞	88⅝	88⅞	+1
Caterpillar	77⅛	76⅝	77	+1⅛
CenSoWst	25⅝	25⅝	25½	+ ⅜
Chevron	67	65⅞	65⅞	— ⅜
Chrysler s	35⅝	35⅛	35¼	+ ¼
Coastal	49⅝	49⅛	49⅝	+1⅛
CocaColas	57⅛	56⅝	56⅞	+ ⅛
ColgatePalm	95	94⅝	95	+1⅛
ComclMetals	28½	28⅛	28½	+ ⅛
CooperIn	43⅝	43⅛	43⅛	+ ½
CyprusAmax	23⅛	23⅛	23⅛	— ⅛
DallSemicn	26⅝	26⅛	26⅝	+ ⅜
DeltaAirl	81⅞	80⅝	81⅝	+ ⅜
DigitalEq	37⅝	37	37½	+ ⅛
Dillard		29⅝	29¼	29⅝
DowChem	79⅝	78⅛	78⅛	— ⅜
DresserInd	34⅛	33⅞	33⅞	+ ½
DuPont	105	104⅝	105	+1½
EastmanChem	55⅛	54⅝	55⅛	+ ⅜
EstKodak	86⅛	85½	85½	+ ⅜
EDS Corp	47⅛	46½	47⅛	+1⅛
Enserch		23⅛	23	23⅛
Entergy	27	26⅞	26⅞	+ ⅛
Exxon	104⅝	102	102	—1⅛
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Hanson ADSs	7⅛	7⅛	7⅛	— ⅛
HarteHanks	26⅛	26⅛	26⅛	+ ⅛
HomeDepot	49	48½	48⅝	+ ⅜
HoustonInds	22⅞	22⅞	22⅞	+ ⅛
IBM	152⅝	149⅝	152⅝	+6⅜
IntlPaper	42⅛	41⅞	41⅛	— ¼
JohnsnJn s	55⅝	55⅛	55½	+ ⅛
K mart		11⅛	11⅛	11⅛
Kroger	49	48⅝	48⅝	+ ⅛
Litton	45	44½	44½	— ½
LockhdMart		90⅝	90	90⅝
Lowes Cos	32⅞	32½	32⅝	+ ½
Lubys	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝	— ⅛
LucentTech n	54⅛	52⅞	54⅛	+1⅜
MayDptStrs	44⅞	44⅛	44⅜	+ ¼
Medtronic	69⅝	69	69⅝	+1⅛
Mobil	131	130⅝	130⅝	— ⅛
Monsanto s	37⅛	36⅝	36⅞	+ ¼
Motorola	66⅝	65⅝	66½	+1⅜
NCR Corp n	39⅞	39⅛	39½	+ ⅜
Nationsbk	108	107	107⅞	+1⅞
Navistar		9⅝	9⅝	9⅝
NoramEngy		15⅛	15⅛	15⅛
Norwest	46½	45⅞	46½	+1⅛
Nynex	50⅝	49⅝	49⅝	+ ⅜
OryxEngy	24⅝	23⅞	23⅞	+1
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PanEnergy		47	46⅝	46⅝
Penney JC	47⅞	47⅛	47½	+ ⅛
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PepBoys	29⅞	29⅛	29⅝	+ ⅛
PepsiCo s	35	34⅝	34⅝	+ ⅛
PhelpDodge	72⅝	72⅛	72⅛	+ ⅛
PhilipPet		44⅛	43⅞	43⅞
PilgrmPrd	10⅝	10⅝	10⅝	+ ⅛
Polaroid	44⅝	44⅛	44⅛	— ⅛
Praxair	46⅝	45⅞	46⅝	+ ⅜
ProctGamble	112	108⅝	111⅝	+3⅝
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Texaco	106⅞	105⅝	105⅞	— ⅜
TexasInd	56	55⅝	56	+1⅛
TexasInst	71⅛	70⅝	70⅝	+1⅛
TexUtil	41⅝	41⅛	41⅝	+ ⅜
Textron	97	96⅛	96⅝	+ ⅛
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TrinityInds	33⅝	33⅛	33⅝	+ ⅛
TritonEngy	49	48⅝	48⅝	+ ⅜
Tyler		2⅛	2⅛	2⅛
US WestCm	32⅝	32⅝	32⅝	+ ⅛
USWstMds	18⅝	18⅝	18⅝	+ ⅛
USX Delhi	16⅝	16⅝	16⅝	— ⅛
USX-Marathn	27⅛	27	27	— ⅛
USX-USS	32⅝	32	32⅛	+ ⅛
UnCarbde	44½	44⅛	44½	+ ⅜
UnPac s	62	61⅛	61½	+ ⅛
UnitedTech s	70⅝	69⅝	69⅝	+ ⅜
Unocal	41⅝	41⅛	41⅛	+ ⅛
WalMart	23⅝	23	23	+ ⅛
WstnGasRs	19⅝	19⅛	19⅝	+ ⅛
WestghEl	19⅛	18⅝	18⅝	— ⅜
WinnDixie	30⅝	30⅝	30⅝	+ ½
Woolworth		20⅝	20⅝	20⅝
XeroxCp s	59	58⅝	58⅝	+ ⅛
ZenithE	11⅛	11⅛	11⅛	— ⅛

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Arlington eyes testing prom-goers for alcohol

ARLINGTON (AP) — She is picture-perfect in her taffeta gown and wrist corsage. He's wearing a rented tux for the first time. The limousine delivers them to the front door of the hotel.

It's prom night in the suburbs. But this year, the music may not play until the happy couple go through the same breath test that the police give to suspected drunken drivers.

The school board in this city of almost 300,000 residents is scheduled to vote Feb. 6 on whether all prom-goers must pass a test to ensure they haven't been drinking alcohol.

"Our goal is not to take away from the festivities, but to allow the students to participate in an alcohol-free prom," said Steve Jacoby, executive director of student services for the 53,141-student district.

The proposal would require all participants to pass breath or saliva tests before they will be admitted to the dance.

Jacoby said the recommendation was the idea of a 22-member committee of parent-teacher organizations, principals and student representatives from the district's five high schools, along with senior-class sponsors and police.

"We have a responsibility and an obligation to provide a safe environment for students. Alcohol is illegal, at least for high school students, and we must do all we can to uphold the law," he said.

Lamar High School senior Trevor Hamilton and his friends scoffed at the notion that a breath test would ensure that kids don't drink on prom night.

"Haven't any of the people who make these rules ever gone to prom?" Hamilton said Monday while walking to class. "You don't get drinks before the prom and go drunk ... You get drinks after the prom is over. Silly adults."

"It's a ridiculous idea that shows they don't know what they're doing and it will be embarrassing for us," said Lamar senior Susan Kaminski. "We're all dressed up for this big night and we have to breathe into this machine — how stupid."

Senior Jeff Fenner called the plan a breach of the students' civil rights.

"Someone up there is freaking out, but they're just wasting their money on stupid ideas," Fenner said. "It just shows that they don't think we have any rights."

The plan would be another brick in a tough "zero tolerance" school district policy toward student drug and alcohol use.

The overall policy, which trustees will vote on at their February meeting, would strip all extracurricular privileges from any student determined to have consumed or possessed alcohol or drugs, whether on or off campus.

"It is a comprehensive plan, and it seemed to me that the board members were receptive to the proposal," said board President Carlton Lancaster.

Lynn Hale, superintendent of Arlington's public schools, did not return telephone calls from The Associated Press for comment.

However, observers nationwide viewed the breath-test recommendation as a stunning move.

"In fact, we haven't even heard of it occurring before anywhere else in the country," said Debra Roth, spokeswoman for the 40,000-member National Association of Secondary School Principals in Reston, Va.

Nonetheless, Ms. Roth said her organization applauds the plan.

"We have gone on record as supporting the need for a principal to maintain a safe climate in his or her school," Ms. Roth said. "It's unfortunate when this has to extend to matters that might appear to invade privacy."

Zero-tolerance drug policies are common for many Texas school systems. However, stripping students of extracurricular privileges for consuming alcohol, especially off-campus, has proved to be political dynamite, said Julian Shaddix, executive director of the Texas Association of School Boards.

Inmates' 'mandatory release' studied

AUSTIN (AP) — Suzan Cotellese gave members of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee photos of her black-and-blue face and blood-spattered bedroom taken after she was raped and beaten with a hammer.

Then she told the panel, "If I ever disappear or am murdered, look for Jack Walton."

Ms. Cotellese was one of several crime victims who testified before the Criminal Justice Committee on Monday in favor of a bill aimed at ending "mandatory early release" for criminals in Texas.

The committee approved the bill, which has been given emergency status by Gov. George W. Bush. It now goes to the full Senate for consideration.

State Rep. Peggy Hamric, R-Houston, has filed a similar bill in the House.

Ms. Cotellese's testimony was particularly gripping because Walton, the man given a 40-year sentence in 1986 for raping her, is eligible for release from prison under the mandatory release law on Dec. 26, 2000.

"What do you think about, when you think of him being released," Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena and a co-sponsor of the bill asked Ms. Cotellese.

"I think about how vulnerable I'll be," she said. "I think about death."

The Associated Press doesn't normally identify rape victims, but Ms. Cotellese said she has gone public in support of the proposed legislation.

The mandatory release law calls for prisoners to be released when their actual time served plus "good time" credit equals their sentences.

After tightening mandatory release rules several times over the years, lawmakers in 1995 gave the parole board veto power over a prisoner's release. But the veto power applied only to inmates convicted after Sept. 1, 1996.

Patterson and Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, want to give the parole board power to veto mandatory release for prisoners who, like Walton, were convicted before then.

The constitutionality of such retroactive application is under debate.

"This is one of the last serious flaws in the criminal justice system," said Whitmire, chairman of the Criminal Justice Committee.

Roughly 80,000 of the state's 132,000 prison population will be eligible for release under mandatory supervision in the next five years, according to Wayne Scott, executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Nearly one-third of the 80,000 are violent offenders.

Texas Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants (Texas CURE), says the measure goes too far.

"The board of pardons and paroles doesn't have the manpower to review the numbers of people who are coming eligible for mandatory release in the next five years," said Kay Freund, a member of Texas CURE from Brenham.

Ms. Freund says the parole board has gone so far to deny parole that it's left rehabilitated people behind bars.

"The taxpayers continue to feed and house people who have been rehabilitated," she said, adding that she thinks the bill, if it becomes law, will be found unconstitutional.

Whitmire and Patterson say their bill is constitutional because it doesn't change the length of a prisoner's sentence. It merely changes the "circumstances" of their sentence, Patterson said.

Implementing the bill would cost the state $400 million over the next two-year budget, according to some estimates.

For hiring welfare recipients...

Tax credits for businesses considered

NEW YORK (AP) — President Clinton will ask Congress next week to offer tax breaks to businesses that hire people who have been on welfare, The New York Times reported today.

Some government and academic economists, however, are questioning whether such benefits will actually increase the number of poor people who are hired.

The tax credits, which Clinton promised during last year's campaign, are essential to his plan to create 1 million jobs for welfare recipients by 2000. The welfare reform bill the president signed last August requires welfare recipients to get jobs within two years of going on public assistance.

Clinton's proposal, to be included in his budget next week, would give employers a tax credit of 50 percent of the first $10,000 paid to people who have been on welfare for at least 18 months, the Times said.

Tax credits have been allowed, in one form or another, for 25 years, but the Clinton proposal would offer a larger subsidy than has been available in the past.

Employers currently can take a credit on 35 percent of the first $6,000 paid to people who have been on welfare for nine of the previous 18 months.

Charles Marsten, inspector general of the Labor Department, said his 1994 study of a similar tax credit offered to employers between 1978 and 1995 showed the benefit had "virtually no impact on employers' decisions to hire" welfare recipients and other poor workers.

He found that 92 percent of the workers would have been hired without the tax credit.

"I can only conclude that the tax credit is a windfall for employers since the program is inconsequential in encouraging the employment" of welfare recipients and other targeted groups, Marsten told the Times.

The earlier program cost $374 million a year but produced only $140 million in wages for people who would not otherwise have been hired, Labor Department auditors concluded.

A senior adviser to the president, Rahm I. Emanuel, said administration officials believe Clinton's proposal will be more effective than earlier versions.

Emanuel described the tax credit as "just one piece of an overall strategy to make work more attractive than welfare." Other factors include child care, an increased minimum wage, health insurance for people leaving welfare and transportation to help people get to work.

"We specifically designed the program for a new tax credit with criticism of the old one in mind," National Economic Council director Gene B. Sperling told the Times.

Although critics say 70 percent to 90 percent of the people hired under the previous tax credit would have gotten jobs without the tax credit, Sperling said employers are unlikely to hire people who have been on welfare for 18 months without incentives.

Date Book

Jan. 28, 1997

Today is the 28th day of 1997 and the 39th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1782, the U.S. Congress authorized the creation of the Great Seal of the United States.

On this day in 1878, the first telephone switchboard began operation.

On this day in 1986, the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded shortly after lifting off, killing all seven aboard.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Henry Morton Stanley (1841-1904), journalist-explorer; Jose Marti (1853-1895), Cuban poet-patriot; Colette (1873-1954), writer; Auguste Piccard (1884-1962), physicist; Arthur Rubinstein (1887-1982), pianist; Jackson Pollock (1912-1956), artist; Claes Oldenburg (1929-), sculptor, is 68; Alan Alda (1936-), actor, is 61.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1904, the first college sports letters were awarded when University of Chicago football players received blankets with the letter C on them.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Mankind is composed of two sorts of men — those who love and create, and those who hate and destroy." — Jose Marti

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1887, huge snowflakes 15 inches across were reported to have fallen near Fort Keogh, Mont.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Jan. 23) and last quarter (Jan. 31).

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Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Is acne therapy on right course?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 29-year-old son has cystic acne that has resisted treatment with traditional therapy, such as Accutane. His doctor has now prescribed a drug called trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole. I am not familiar with this. Are there any dangers?

DEAR READER: As most people know, acne can be quite severe, disfiguring and difficult to treat — especially in the presence of skin abscesses. Your son's doctor has chosen a reasonable and safe antibiotic combination that is marketed under the trade names Bactrim, Septra and others.

Although generally prescribed for urinary infections, this medicine is also useful for a wide variety of problems, including infectious diarrhea, ear infections, bronchitis — and acne.

The most common side effects are nausea, vomiting and rash. It's this last complication that is the most serious because it usually reflects an allergic reaction to the antibiotic. If your son develops a rash during therapy, he should immediately stop the drug and notify his physician.

Having given you this warning, I want to add that such reactions are rare; for the overwhelming majority of patients, this antibiotic combination is effective and perfectly safe.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicines." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 28-year-old daughter is scheduled to marry a man whose first wife died of AIDS from a contaminated blood transfusion. I believe they had unprotected sex before she died. My daughter's fiance had a negative HIV test right after his wife's death and again, about one year later, in conjunction with the marriage license. Nonetheless, we are worried because we have been told that AIDS may take up to 10 years to develop. Is this true?

DEAR READER: Based on the information you supply, I must conclude that your prospective son-in-law is free of the HIV virus, the cause of AIDS. I say this because he has had two negative blood tests a year apart, which indicate that he was not infected by his late wife. (He could, of course, be subsequently infected by another partner.)

In persons harboring the HIV virus, up to 10 years may elapse before the disease of AIDS becomes apparent. Thus, many HIV-positive people are perfectly healthy for years. The reason for this is unknown.

Inasmuch as your daughter's fiance is HIV negative, you can safely assume that he does not have AIDS, nor would he develop the disease 10 years later as a consequence of his previous marriage.

I advise you to have fun at the wedding, welcome your new son-in-law into the family and put your worries about AIDS aside.

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News Briefs

State jail in C-City to open in May

AUSTIN (AP) — A new 900-bed state jail in West Texas is set to open later this year.

The $20 million Ware State Jail in Colorado City was one of six new jails left unopened after the Texas Department of Criminal Justice completed a billion dollar expansion program in 1995. The need for the additional space dwindled after the prisons were under construction.

But TDCJ officials on Monday said new prison population estimates make opening the far West Texas prison necessary. Two other new prisons also are scheduled to open later this year.

"This will give us a unit in every state region of Texas," said TDCJ executive director Wayne Scott.

The prison system said the prison will open at half capacity. At full capacity, it will be able to hold 900 prisoners and will employ 300 workers.

A&M seeks $1.45 billion for '98-'99

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — The 10-school Texas A&M University System is seeking $1.45 billion for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, system officials said Monday in their biennial funding request to the Legislature.

A&M System Chancellor Barry Thompson, A&M Regent T. Michael O'Connor and Texas A&M University President Ray Bowen appeared before the Senate Finance Committee in Austin.

Thompson encouraged senators to do what they could to increase education funding in Texas.

"We proclaim ourselves to be one of the bellwether states and yet we have 6.15 million people who are functionally illiterate and read at the sixth-grade level or less," he said.

The $1.45 billion funding request doesn't include A&M's portion of $926 million sought by a coalition of public and private schools that wants to increase the number of college-educated Texans by 15,200.

Senators avoided commenting on the A&M system budget request as a whole, focusing their questions instead on specific A&M schools and programs in their districts.

A&M spokeswoman Terri Parker said system officials were pleased with the committee's reception.

"A lot of good questions were asked," Ms. Parker said.

ITT receives $6.5 billion hostile bids

NEW YORK (AP) — Hilton Hotels Corp. wants to buy the owner of the New York Knicks and Rangers, but not because it loves sports.

Hilton, the well-known hotelier and casino owner, is looking to gobble up ITT Corp. for its Sheraton hotels and casinos. On Monday, it launched a $6.5 billion hostile bid for ITT, and some are betting that the hunted will put up a fight.

"They have so far not indicated a willingness to talk," said Hilton chief executive Stephen F. Bollenbach.

New York-based ITT, which also owns Madison Square Garden, confirmed Monday that it had received the unsolicited bid but said nothing to tip its hand, explaining that it would consider the offer and respond within 10 business days.

The takeover would create the world's largest owner of big hotels and casinos.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 1997

In the year ahead, positive developments will surround your home and family. Relationships and bonds will be strengthened. Spend as much time as possible with your family.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Avoid the inclination to worry about things that have not happened and perhaps never will. Live in the now and deal with events as they occur. Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You could do more harm than good today if you seek business advice from people who lack expertise. Only listen to people you trust.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Weigh and analyze the facts for yourself instead of letting associates do your thinking for you, especially if you have to make a big decision today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Strive to be methodical today when handling your assignments. If you fail to follow a game plan, you will not be efficient.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You should try not to borrow anything from others today, but if you have no other recourse, take extra precautions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This will not be a good day to spring a surprise on your mate. Make sure to include him or her in all the decisions you make.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Think before you speak today, especially if you intend to criticize someone else. People you put down might seek revenge.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Doing things in a hasty fashion today could lead to a series of small but significant mistakes. Pacing yourself could help you to succeed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Try to set the proper example today. You should not order others to do things if you would not do them yourself. Actions speak louder than words.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Take care not to betray someone's trust today. A friend will be disappointed if you reveal information which was told to you in strict confidence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You will not have much tolerance for stingy people today. Keep this in mind before going to lunch with a friend who doesn't know how to split the check.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You should be cognizant of small details today, but do not become obsessed by them. If you do, you will lessen the impact of your accomplishments.

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Buffalo celebrates 20th anniversary

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — In between a president's assassination and the Bills' four straight Super Bowl losses, this city got much of its notoriety 20 years ago today — in the great blizzard of '77.

While many other cities have blinding storms and teeth-chattering cold — some even get more snow — Buffalo has been stuck for the past two decades with a reputation as the nation's snow capital.

"The blizzard of '77 really clinched it for us," said forecaster Tom Jolls of WKBW-TV. "Pictures were sent around the world of downtown Buffalo from the air literally buried, with just a few things poking up out of the snow."

The city's reputation, tarnished in an earlier generation when anarchist Leon F. Czolgosz assassinated President McKinley in 1901, was done in this time by nature's fury.

Twenty-nine people died in the storm from Jan. 28 to Feb. 1, 1977 — the first snowstorm to warrant a federal disaster area declaration. Total damage reached $300 million. For 11 days, national news reports showed images of a city blanketed in snow up to the roofs of houses.

So why are Buffalonians welcoming this grim anniversary with books, charity dances, new ice creams and parties?

"It's not so much the blizzard as the spirit that came out of it," said Jonathan White, organizer of the Blizzard Ball. "When a record snowfall hits, we don't say 'Oh how awful.' Everybody pulls together for a common cause."

When the blizzard rolled into town, however, it was nothing to celebrate.

The winter of 1976-77 had already been brutal. Buffalo was in the midst of its coldest January ever. It had recently snowed 28 straight days.

When the blizzard began, it seemed like just another Friday morning snow flurry. But by 11:35 a.m., lightning flashed and the sky turned black. The wind shifted and began to howl. Soon, people couldn't see across the street.

"My reaction? Wow!" meteorologist Ed Reich said. "It was the most dramatic storm I ever saw."

Surprisingly, the snowfall total for the storm was only 12 inches. What made the blizzard unique were the sustained winds, gusting up to 69 mph, which picked up the drifts piled high on frozen Lake Erie and dumped them in western New York and southern Ontario.

The winds were accompanied by Arctic cold temperatures, making it feel like minus 60 degrees outside.

Whiteout conditions quickly trapped thousands of people at work, in cars and in homes. Some had to stay put for a day, others for the storm's duration. At least nine motorists froze to death in their stranded cars.

"The only people out were the hookers and the National Guard," said Joe Ransford, a retired police officer.

At the Buffalo Zoo, 8-foot drifts allowed three reindeer to step over their fence and wander around the city.

"The neighbors would be calling in, saying 'Hey! I just saw a reindeer running down the street,'" said Rick Paine, the zoo's vice president for operations.

Cosby interview touches on possible paternity question

NEW YORK (AP) — Bill Cosby had an affair with the mother of a woman who claims to be his illegitimate daughter, TV's most beloved family man acknowledged in a television interview.

"If you said, 'Did you make love to the woman?' the answer is yes. 'Are you the father?' No," Cosby told Dan Rather in an interview scheduled to air Sunday on CBS' "60 Minutes."

Rather asked if there was a possibility he could be the woman's father.

"There is a possibility," Cosby said, according to a transcript.

The interview, portions of which were broadcast Monday on "The CBS Evening News," was Cosby's first since the Jan. 16 slaying of his 27-year-old son, Ennis. No arrests have been made.

Autumn Jackson, 22, the woman claiming to be Cosby's daughter, is charged along with 51-year-old Jose Medina with trying to extort millions from the entertainer.

Federal prosecutors charge that on the day Ennis Cosby was shot to death changing a flat tire in Los Angeles, Ms. Jackson and Medina sent a fax to Cosby's representative demanding money. She and Medina were arrested in Cosby's lawyer's office after allegedly trying to negotiate a $24 million payoff.

Ms. Jackson was freed from jail Monday night after two Californians guaranteed a $250,000 bond.

Her lawyer, Robert Baum, described the people who guaranteed her bond, Richard Jesperson and Lois Mayfield, as "two people who care about her, believe in her and trust in her."

Baum called Cosby's acknowledgement of an affair with Ms. Jackson's mother a "substantial change from critical comments that came from Cosby representatives earlier." But prosecutors have said that even if Cosby were proven to be Ms. Jackson's father, she would still be charged with extortion.

In Los Angeles, Ms. Jackson's mother, Shawn Thompson, told KNBC television her daughter was "not doing anything that I think is wrong" but couldn't comment on the charges in detail.

She called Cosby "a wonderful man." Asked whether she loves Cosby, she said, "Doesn't the whole world?" On the brief video clip, she was not asked if Cosby was her daughter's father.

In the past, Cosby representatives have denied that he was Ms. Jackson's father and described her as one of several young people to whom he had given money for tuition. Cosby has been married to his wife, Camille, for 33 years.

"On the birth certificate, it's not my name," Cosby said in part of the interview broadcast Monday.

"I had not spoken to the mother during her pregnancy nor her delivery nor some 14 months until we finally spoke. Never — she never called me and then one day when I called her for a second rendezvous, she came and she made the announcement," he said.

On his son's death, Cosby told Rather his life must return to normal.

"I think it's time for me to tell the people that we have to laugh — we've got to laugh," he said.

Tornado damages buildings Monday in Houston suburb

PASADENA (AP) — Police Sgt. F.R. Davis was with a group of officers who were working out in the weight room of the Pasadena Police Academy when a tornado roared out of a stormy sky.

"It sounded like an airplane was getting ready to land on our building," he said.

The twister, spawned by a fast-moving cold front, struck late in the afternoon Monday in this southeast Houston suburb.

The tornado caused extensive and widespread damage to buildings, a church and mobile homes, but no injuries were reported.

"By the grace of God, nobody was hurt and nobody was trapped," Pasadena fire chief Richard Sellers said.

Pasadena is about 10 miles southeast of downtown Houston.

Six new police parked at the academy were damaged, officers said.

Mayor Johnny Isbell said city officials have been unable to determine a total city-wide damage estimate.

A church lost part of its roof, and bricks were peeled from an outside wall. Its steeple toppled into the parking lot, and windows were shattered.

A roof was blown off a portable school building, and a side was torn away from a two-story office building, officials said.

Zory Gonzalez said she had stopped to talk to workers in a law firm in the office building.

"We heard the glass shatter and things flying everywhere," she said. "I heard the glass first, and then it completely ripped the side of the entire offices."

She said she crouched under a desk until the noises of wind and flying debris stopped. She said she suffered scratches on her feet after she lost her shoes scrambling for cover.

Elsewhere, part of a mini-storage facility was reduced to rubble. Power was knocked out to about 5,500 homes.

Dr. Philip Riegal was in his car with his children when he saw the tornado.

"We saw lots of debris in the tornado," he said. "Then, we saw an explosion and that was a power line that went down. ... The tornado was literally right in front of our car."

He turned around and drove away, he said, and neither he nor his children were injured.

"It reminded me of that movie 'Twister,'" he said. "It was a very, very frightening experience. We're still shaking from it."

Temperatures were in the upper 70s and storms had been forming throughout the afternoon as a cold front approaching from the north was colliding with the hot humid conditions coming off the Gulf of Mexico.

Fund to aid black churches

WASHINGTON (AP) — Buoyed by a $6 million grant from a private foundation, the nation's largest association of black churches is launching a three-year $12 million campaign to rebuild burned-out churches in the South.

The Congress of National Black Churches Inc., which claims a membership of 65,000 churches and 20 million people, said it will also head up arson-suppression efforts and run a reconciliation campaign in communities with burned churches.

Half the needed money, or $6 million, will come from the Indianapolis-based Lilly Foundation, and the rest from a fund-raising drive.

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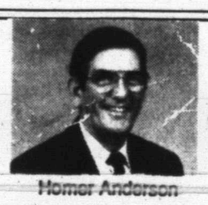
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It's close, but not the same. The true statement of coach Lombardi has a much stronger meaning. Christians are winners. Second place with God is not acceptable, only first place will do. Christians don't do things right once-in-a-while. Christians try to do things right all the time! "Let him who does right continue to do right" (Rev. 22:11).
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Obituaries

John Noble

1924-1997

Funeral service for John Andrew Noble, 73, is set for 4 p.m. Wednesday in the First Christian Church. Dr. Tim Griffin, minister, will officiate.

Graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Lone Star Cemetery in Rocky, Okla. Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Noble, a retired industrial engine contractor and resident of Snyder since 1951, died Sunday, Jan. 26, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital following a long illness.

Born Jan. 24, 1924 in Dill City, Okla., he married Opal Lee Green on Sept. 1, 1942 in Dill City. He was a sergeant in the U.S. Army Corp during World War II.

Mr. Noble moved to Snyder in 1951 and repaired industrial engines in the oilfields. Following his retirement, Mr. Noble worked part-time in the pro shop at Western Texas College. He was a 32nd degree Mason, a Shriner and a member of Snyder's First Christian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Opal Lee Noble of Snyder; two sons and daughters-in-law, Keith L. and Linda B. Noble and Kent J. and Linda Noble, all of Wichita Falls; two sisters, Lanora Baker and Rita Butz, both of Fresno, Calif.; a brother, Terry Noble of Fresno; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the scholarship fund of the First Christian Church.

Helen L. Blake

1908-1997

Service is set for 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in Our Lady of Charity Catholic Church in Cicero, Ill., for Helen L. Blake of Snyder. Burial will be in the Resurrection Cemetery in Justice, Ill. Father Albert Lempkowaski will officiate.

Mrs. Blake, 88, died Saturday, Jan. 25, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Local arrangements were by Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born on Jan. 26, 1908 in Chicago, Ill., she married Max F. Blake in 1925. He preceded her in death. She worked 30 years for Sears-Roebuck Company as an order clerk, moving to Snyder in 1992.

She was also preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include a son, Max Blake of Riverside, Ill.; a daughter, Lorrain (Laurie) Haines of Snyder; a sister, Loretta Duszka of Bridgeport, Ill., three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary memorial fund.

Emma Gordon

1907-1997

Emma Lee Gordon, a longtime resident of Snyder, died at 3:49 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Gordon, 89, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Ernie McGaughey, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born Nov. 5, 1907 in Honey Grove, Tex., she married Lloyd C. Gordon on Jan. 1, 1933 in Roby. He died in 1993.

A resident of Snyder since 1933, Mrs. Gordon was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Crusaders Sunday school class.

Survivors include a daughter, Marie Walton of Snyder; a son, Ray Gordon of Canton; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Sturdivant

1915-1997

William Clark Sturdivant of Joshua died Sunday, Jan. 26, in the Huguley Hospital in Fort Worth following a sudden illness. He was 81.

Service for Mr. Sturdivant will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery. Tom Holcomb, minister of East Side Church of Christ, will officiate.

Mr. Sturdivant was born on July 19, 1915 in Snyder, and married Alva Vest on June 21, 1938 in Snyder. Mr. Sturdivant, who was reared in Snyder, was a forklift mechanic and worked at the cotton compress in Sudan. He had also lived in Lubbock, moving to Joshua five years ago.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Alva Sturdivant of Joshua; a son, Randy Sturdivant of Crowley; a sister, Jewel Newby of Midland; a brother, Oren Sturdivant of Snyder; and a grandson, Shane Sturdivant of Crowley.

The family suggests memorials to the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Faye Myers

1914-1997

Ruby Faye Myers, a life-long resident of Snyder and Scurry County, died at 5:45 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, in Codgell Memorial Hospital following a long illness.

Funeral service is set for 11 a.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel. The Rev. Jesse Faulkenberry, Baptist minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born June 10, 1914 in Snyder, she married Clarence Myers on March 18, 1933 in Snyder. He died on May 23, 1972.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Bethel Baptist Church. Mrs. Myers had also worked in Snyder nursing homes.

Survivors include a sister, Bessie Early of Snyder; two brothers, Willard Gladson and Waylan Gladson, both of Snyder; and several nieces and nephews.

Mary Singley

1929-1997

ROTAN — Mary Singley, the sister of Roy Carter of Snyder, died Monday, Jan. 27, in a Fisher County hospital. She was 67.

Funeral service is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church. The Rev. Werth Mayes will officiate and will be assisted by the Revs. John Carter, Troy Culpepper, Neal Shepherd and Joe Vernon. Burial will follow in the Belvieu Cemetery.

Born near Rotan, she had lived in Fisher County most of her life. She graduated from Rotan High School in 1946 and married Carl Singley in 1947 in Rotan. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Singley was a member of the First Baptist Church, taught Bible classes and served on various church committees. She had participated in Baptist Church Builders and was a member of the Fisher County Hospital Auxiliary.

Survivors include two sons, Roy Wayne Singley of Dalhart and Larry Don Singley of Arlington; a sister, Mildred McQueen of Rotan; three other brothers, Horace Carter and James Carter, both of Rotan, and the Rev. John Carter of San Diego, Calif.; an aunt; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church mission fund or to the T.O. Upshaw Church Builders.

Juanita Reyna

1907-1997

COMFORT — Mass was held this morning in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church for Juanita Garcia Reyna, 89, of Big Spring who died Saturday, Jan. 25, in Midland. Burial was to follow in the San Jose Cemetery in Comfort.

Mrs. Reyna was the mother of Edward Reyna of Ira.

Survivors include a daughter, Josie Gonzales of Big Spring; four other sons, Gilbert Reyna and Mickey Reyna, both of Big Spring, David Reyna of Comfort and Rogelio Reyna of Alexander, Va.; three sisters, Cecelia Tagle, Linda Prado and Jesusita Sandoual, all of San Antonio; three brothers, Jose Garcia and Julio Garcia, both of San Antonio, and Felipe Garcia of Comfort; 24 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Snyder Fire Dept. answers 2 calls

One person was admitted to Cogdell Hospital this morning for observation after inhaling smoke from a mattress fire at a residence at 414 28th St. around 6 a.m.

Ricky Hernandez, 39, was tranported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital where he was listed in good condition. A 17-year-old female resident was also taken to Cogdell. She was treated and released.

The occupants of the house extinguished the fire after calling 911.

At 2:28 p.m. Monday, the department responded to a reported fire at 2806 Ave. Y. A resident reported smelling smoke coming from a washing machine.

Student dies singing song

NEW YORK (AP) — A 14-year-old boy collapsed and died while singing "I Believe I Could Fly" in music class.

Eighth-grader Ian Hawkins was standing in front of a microphone Monday singing the theme song from the movie "Space Jam" when he put his hand to his head and collapsed at I.S. 148 in the Bronx, officials said.

Paramedics found him in cardiac arrest and he was pronounced dead a short time later at a hospital, officials said.

"It's unspeakably sad," said Chiara Coletti, a Board of Education spokeswoman. "This was an apparently perfectly healthy 14-year-old boy."

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What's Up?

Choir booster club to meet

The Choir Booster Club will meet at 5:30 p.m. today in the high school choir room.

Weather spotting class

George Matthews of the Midland National Weather Service will conduct an annual severe weather spotting class at 7 this evening in council chambers at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Genealogical society

Scurry County Genealogocal Society will meet at 7 tonight in the county library. The program by Jean Smith will be "First Steps to Take in Researching Family." Members are encouraged to attend. Visitors are welcome.

Grief support group

The grief support group meets at 7 p.m. today at the First Presbyterian Church.

Horseshoe pitchers to meet

The National Horseshoe Pitching Association will meet at 7 p.m. today at the chamber of commerce. Johnny Davenport, a NHPA sanctioned pitcher, will serve as president. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers.

County-Cogdell video to air

Monday's commissioners court meeting concerning the proposed lease of Cogdell Memorial Hospital will air at 7 p.m. Wednesday on Channel 2.

Hermleigh boosters to meet

Hermleigh Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the high school library.

Donkey basketball coming

Snyder High School girl's basketball program will bring donkey basketball to Tiger Gym at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Tickets may be purchased from any girl's basketball player, all school campuses, Snyder Insurance Agency, IGA #400 or Subway. Tickets for adults and high school students are $5 in advance or $6 at the door. Elementary, junior high students and senior citizens pay $4 in advance or $5 at the door.

Volunteer help sought by museum

Scurry County Museum is seeking a volunteer or volunteers to help assemble a large pre-cut doll house. If you are interested, please call the museum at 573-6107.

Windbreak trees deadline

The deadline for ordering windbreak trees is Friday. For more information or to place an order, come by the Upper Colorado SWCD office at 5309 Big Spring Hwy. or call 573-6317.

Valentine's dance planned

Hermleigh freshman class will sponsor a Valentine's dance from 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday at Towle Park Barn. Admission is $5 per couple, $3 per person. Children K through 6th grade can get in for $1.50.

Order WTC curb logos now

Phi Beta Kappa students from Western Texas College will be painting the WTC logo on curbs Saturday, weather permitting. Donations go to help students attend the state meeting in March. Call Carolyn Osborn at 573-8511, ext. 313, for information.

Chili supper planned

New York bound choir students are selling tickets for a chili supper to be held next Tuesday in the high school cafeteria. Tickets for the all-you-can-eat meal are $5.

Circus tickets being sold

Representatives from Circus Gatti will be contacting local residents offering tickets to the circus, which will held at Scurry County Coliseum on Feb. 18. Scurry County Sheriff's Posse is sponsoring the event.

Scurry Youth Center

Scurry Youth Center, located at the Boys & Girls Club, is open Friday and Saturday evenings from 7 until 11. To participate, you must have a current Boys & Girls Club membership or pay $1 admission.

Central Elementary yearbooks

Central Elementary is selling yearbooks for $6. Orders will be taken until Feb. 3.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
4-6-3
(four, six, three)

Cash 5

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 5-15-16-24-33.
Number matching five of five: 2.
Prize per winnner: $72,339.
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Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

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